

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Electron emitters and a method of fabricating emitters ~~which have are disclosed, having~~ a concentration gradient of impurities, such that the highest concentration of impurities is at the apex of the emitters and decreases toward the base of the emitters. The method comprises the steps of doping, patterning, etching, and oxidizing the substrate, thereby forming the emitters having impurity gradients.